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(WASHINGTON, D.C.) â Interior Deputy Assistant Secretary â Indian Affairs Wayne R. Smith will be a guest speaker this Thursday, October 25, on Native America Calling, the national public affairs and news radio call-in program of the Koahnic Broadcast Corporation. He will address the Bureau of Indian Affairsâ role in the Federal Acknowledgment Process. The program will air live starting at 1:00 p.m. (ET).

Smith, who is Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux, was appointed by Assistant Secretary â Indian Affairs Neal McCaleb to serve as his chief of staff. In addition to overseeing the Assistant Secretaryâs office, Smith is also responsible for gaming, land-into-trust and acknowledgment matters.

WHO: U.S. Department of the Interior Deputy Assistant Secretary â Indian Affairs Wayne R. Smith.

WHAT: Native America Calling, a national call-in radio program covering news and events affecting Indian Country.

WHEN: 1:00 p.m. (ET), Thursday, October 25, 2001.

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